
Food Safety in a Disaster or Emergency

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Knowing how to determine if food is safe and how to keep food safe in an emergency will help minimize the potential loss of food and reduce the risk of foodborne illness. Find out how to keep food safe before, during, and after emergencies, such as floods, fires, natural disasters, or the loss of power.

[Emergency Preparedness](#) (USDA)

Resources are available in Spanish.

[Food and Water Safety During Hurricanes, Power Outages, and Floods](#) (FDA)

Available in Spanish and French.

[Food, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Information for Use Before and After a Disaster or Emergency](#) (CDC)

Available in Spanish.

[Keep Food and Water Safe After a Disaster or Emergency](#) (CDC)

Available in Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

Is food in the refrigerator safe during a power outage? Use [this chart about refrigerator food safety](#)

[during a power outage](#) to find out.

Is thawed or partially thawed food in the freezer safe to eat? Use [this chart about frozen food safety during a power outage](#) as a guide.

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